

## MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

I. Sore neck in Sambar (*Cervus unicolor*).

In Vol. I, pp. 51-53 of this Journal, Mr. P. R. Kemp, under the heading "Sore neck in Sambar," gave an account of the curious sore often found on the neck of Sambar in the mid-line in front, and about half way down. The Editors added a remark to the effect that "Major Evans in his book, *Big Game shooting in Upper Burma* (1910), speaks of it, and states positively that it occurs in all Sambar and at all times (presumably in Burma and India)." I have never found any mention of it by any other author treating of Sambar, which is curious in view of the fact that the sore is undoubtedly of very frequent occurrence.

In Mr. Kemp's note he mentions that both he and I had shot Sambar on which we had not noticed the sore. Major Evans says, however, "At what age the calves are attacked I do not know, but I have seen the spot distinctly on quite young calves not more than a month or two old. If any sportsman should be inclined to doubt my statement as to this blemish on a Sambar's throat, I can only say, let him examine carefully the next Sambar he shoots; and if he doesn't find a large bare circular scar on its throat, with a blood-red spot in the centre of it, I will eat my words served up with Sambar sauce! Can I say more?" Regarding this positive statement it may be of interest to record that, on the 11th February this year, on the west bank of the Meklong River, about Lat. N. 14° 26', Long. E. 99° 5', I shot a Sambar, about two years old, having no sign whatever of any sore on its neck. I particularly called the attention of a Siamese surveyor, who was with me, to this fact.

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II. Note on the Wild Dog (*Cyon rutilans*).

On page 54, Vol. I, of the Journal of this Society, in a note headed "Distribution of certain animals in Siam," Mr. K. G. Gairdner writes, "Messrs. Yates and Rogers, of the Bombay Burma Trading Corporation, have reported a black species of Wild Dog. Has anyone else ever met with this animal, and have specimens ever been obtained?"

I do not know of any specimens of a black wild dog having been obtained, but on the 4th March this year a Siamese surveyor working in S. E. Siam (about Lat. N. 12° 52'; Long. E. 101° 7',) informed me that, a few days previously, while at work, two wild dogs